

***SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh - Father Andrew McCann and Deacon Kevin O'Connor

First Sunday of Advent 29th November 2015 YEAR B

Dear Parishioners,

'Your liberation is near at hand. We have no need to fear the second coming of Christ if we allow God to teach us how to grow in holiness. We ask Him to help us to love one another with generosity and integrity. In this way we will be able to hold our heads high and have the strength necessary to survive all that will happen in our lives so that when the time comes we will stand in confidence before Christ and His Saints.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The next two baptismal preparation evenings will take place in January on Thursday 7th and Thursday 14th January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

This Sunday afternoon, 29th November at 3pm we have the Blessing of the Crib in Mell Square. Please make a special effort to come along. The Crib has been relocated to opposite H.M.V.

We welcome our young Parishioners and their parents and families to the 9am Mass this Sunday, who are going to be enrolled as candidates for First Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers. **This Monday** Father Andrew and Father Dominic are hoping to visit Father Sean. We will remember you to him.



On Friday 11th December 2015 at 8pm, there will be a joyful Advent and Christmas celebration here at St Augustines with Jo Boyce and Friends. 'Prepare the Way'; tickets cost £8 (£6 concessions) Book online at: www.cjmmusic.com/tickets or telephone 01675 466 254 or ask at the presbytery. See poster in porch for details.

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy, beginning on 8th December and continuing until November 20th 2016. We are delighted that our own Church of St Augustine's has been named as a Jubilee Church. The Blessing and Opening of the Holy Door (the original porch door) will take place on Tuesday 8th December at 11.30am. Mass will begin slightly later on this day at 10.30am. Do please come along and encourage others to do so. The Mayor of Solihull and the Priests and Deacons of the Deanery will be present, along with pupils from our Schools.

Our Parish Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 5th December between 1.30pm-4pm. We look forward to joining in all the fun of this afternoon. We would welcome all sorts of gifts and donations-Bottles, Gifts for the Tombola, Cakes, Christmas Gifts. Please try to sell Raffle Tickets.

Please note, Mass on Wednesday 2nd December starts at 9.45am.

Mrs Willmott has mentioned that she has received 2 letters of congratulations. One from Nick Gibb Minister of Education and one from Councillor Joe Tildesley. Both comment on the extremely high standards, success and dedication the School have achieved. We join with Mrs Willmott in thanking our Staff, Governors, parents and Pupils who have achieved these standards.

<p>Saturday 28th November Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Father John Sharp</p>	<p>Daniel 7:15-27 Luke 21:34-36 9.00am Novena of Mass for the Holy Souls Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36 12.30pm Gerry O'Boy-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 29th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Father Richard Sharples</p> 	<p>Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36</p> <p>9.00am Breid Coleman-RIP</p> <p>11.00am John Dodman-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>Monday 30th November FEAST St Andrew <i>Patron of Scotland</i> Father Frederick Sheldon</p>	<p>Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Thomas Herraty-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm 'Journeying Together in Faith' 10.45am in Presbytery</p>
<p>Tuesday 1st December FEAST St Edmund Campion</p> <p>Father Angus Shelton</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 4:9-13 Luke 29:23-26 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Catherine Newman-RIP Jack Peace-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm</p> <p>Legion of Mary 6.30pm Youth Group 7.00pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 2nd December Advent Feria</p> <p>Father Edward Simpson</p>	<p>Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37 9.20am The Rosary 9.45am Martin Malone-Successful Operation Thomas Trimble-RIP</p>	<p>Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am Rainbows 4.30pm-5.50pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>Thursday 3rd December St Francis Xavier <i>Migrants' Day</i></p> <p>Father Anthony Sims RIP</p>	<p>Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21,24-27 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Novena of Masses-Holy Souls 12.30pm Marjorie Birch-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm Journeying in Faith Meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall</p>
<p>Friday 4th December Advent Feria St John Damascene Father Hugh Sinclair</p>	<p>Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Novena of Masses-Holy Souls 6.30pm Vincent Grand-Intentions</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>Saturday 5th December FEAST St Birinus</p> <p>Father Frank Smith</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Matthew 9:35-37 9.00am Noriko & Ian Flynn-Intentions Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6 12.30pm Founders Day CWL- Margaret Fletcher</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 6th December Second Sunday of Advent Father Peter Smith</p> 	<p>Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6</p> <p>9.00am Malone Family-Intentions</p> <p>11.00am Tony Quinn-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week:£1,050:82 (Gift Aid £347:64 Loose £703:18)

Second Collect last week: Catholic Youth Service: £476:88

Second Collection next week: Poor Parishes of the Diocese

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE- Saturday 28th November 1pm-3pm Parish Hall.

SIFA FIRESIDE (HOMELESS CHARITY) are very short of sleeping bags. (Not bed linen or blankets). If you have a sleeping bag that you no longer use their address is: 48/52 Allcock Street Birmingham B9 4DY Telephone: 0121 766 1700

The Sisters of St. Paul currently have a vacancy for a Laundry and General Assistant. Please see poster in porch for details.

CARMEL RETREAT DAYS- 12th December 2015.Carmelite Monastery Wolverhampton. Make room for God in your life. Learn to find Him in the peace of silent prayer. See poster in porch for details.

Christmas fundraiser: Carols by candlelight - Parish hall - 7.30 pm start. Wednesday 16th Dec. Back by popular demand! Get into the festive spirit by joining us in the parish hall for a fun evening of Christmas carols, mulled wine and mince pies. £5 per person. In support of the HCPT Oxford charity for the disabled. So we can cater accordingly please confirm your seats by either telephoning Maria and Robert Watts on 0121 705 8421, putting your name on the lists provided in the church porches or speaking to any member of the choir at 11 am Sunday Mass. We would appreciate your replies asap. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

ADMISSIONS: Please note that the closing date for Admissions September 2016 for Nursery (FS1) and Reception (FS2) are: FS1- 11th December 2015 FS2- 15th January 2016.

Please ensure Schools receive the Baptismal Certificate and S1F forms direct.

Readers this week

Sunday

9.00am SCHOOL YEAR 3

Gerry Coburn

11.00am Mary Clark

Maria Marsay

Eucharistic Ministers this week

Sunday

9.00am Angela Keating & Mary Deneny

Caroline McGonigle & Richard Bird

11.00am Helen Brookes

Annette Kelly

Next week's rota in italics.

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning 30th November Services December 5th/6th- A

A Ryder, M Clark, C Sinha

Flower Rota for week beginning 30th November Services December 5th/6th- No Flowers Advent

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming

Peter Griffin

Kathleen McLoughlin

Patricia Jones

Janet Dodman

Christopher Browne

Ann Marie Boyd

Maureen McLoughlin

Angela D'Arcy

Baby Lily Day

Andrew Simpson

Bernadette Day

Ray Nicholson

Brian Jones

Clare Farmer

Martha Sheridan

Eilish Duffy

Susanna Gordon

Kate McAvinney

Kathy Stead

Louisa and Nick

Joseph Farmer

Aidan, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell

John Keaney

Norman Hart

Michael Cassidy

Anne White

Gary Phipps

Katie Kelly

Mick Green

Kim Poole

Sarah Maloney

Amando Tenorio

Chris Lawton

Peggy Roper

Martin & Rita McDonnell

Sally & Maddy

Glen Hughes

Doreen Shirley

Joseph Lockington

James Farmer

Agnes Carroll

Rose Walsh

Megan Jean Zarebski

John Balder

Heath Balder

Margaret Kelly

Therese Coulton

Raymond Shenstone

Cornelius Callanan

Finbarr Herron

Dear Lord,
Through the darkness, I look for your wisdom.
I want my heart to be open to you.
But sometimes in these days, it seems that
so many things come between us.

Help me to be awake and aware
of the radiance you bring to my life.
Help me to be grateful each day
for the blessings of family and friends.
Let me be a peacemaker
in my own life, and in the world.
Let me pray especially for this difficult world
and those who are so in need of an end to violence.
My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.



Please pray for: Eileen Phipps (Requiem Monday 30th November 12.00pm Olton Friary; Reception and Mass), Gerard Robinson (Requiem Monday 14th December 12.00 noon) who all died recently. Also Bridget Mary Cronin, Eileen Marie Kenny, Margaret French, Kevin William Geary, Gertrude Ann Horsburgh, John Alfred Peace, Patricia Bridget Banks, Catherine Newman and David Barrett whose anniversaries are at this time

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